Promotion of Culture and Art in the Tribal Districts

†*417. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds granted by Government to various Societies for the promotion of Indian Culture and Art in the tribal districts of States during the last three years;

(b) the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) how many times inspections have been carried out to see whether the amount is being properly utilized for the purpose for which it is meant?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Department supports voluntary cultural organizations under ten schemes. The details of the schemes are in the Annual Report for the year 1999-2000 of the Department of Culture copies of which are available in Parliament Libarary. District-wise statistics on the grant released are not maintained as the focus of the schemes is on different art forms and not geographic area. Two of the Schemes namely Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture and Preservation and Development of the Cultural Heritage of Himalayas have a proximate association with the tribal areas. The State-wise grants for the last three years under all the schemes including the two schemes specifically mentioned are given in the statement enclosed. (see below)

(c) Grants to institutions are generally based on the recommendations of the State Governments and of the Expert Committees for each of the Schemes. Release of instalments is related to submission of grant utilization certificate and reports. Certain schemes like setting up of Multi-purpose Cultural Complexes and Building Grants to cultural organizations stipulate inspections before release of the next instalment. The services of State Government, Zonal Cultural Centres, Archaeological Survey of India and other organizations are utilized for this purpose.

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Statement

State-wise Details of Grants

Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Is.	0.00	0.00	2.50
2.	Andhra Pradesh	26.75	59.01	42.25
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.50	7.50	9.40
4.	Assam	12.62	14.02	24.39
5.	Bihar	60.60	36.04	55.35
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	3.42	10.26	11.96
7.	Delhi	123.51	197.76	165.06
8.	Goa	14.00	2.50	2.30
9.	Gujarat	19.56	33.50	25.36
10.	Haryana	29.58	88.60	95.45
11.	Himachal Pradesh	14.30	23.45	26.70
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	7.89	43.00	50.20
13.	Karnataka	158.36	130.81	160.32
14.	Kerala	97.41	26.74	85.00
15.	Lakshadweep (UT)	10.00	0.00	0.00
16.	Madhya Pradesh	47.65	35.10	35.85
17.	Maharashtra	42.74	63.36	93.49
18.	Manipur	43.88	81.86	129.66
19.	Meghalaya	0.00	2.00	0.37
20.	Mizoram	25.00	0.90	3.88
21.	Nagaland	3.55	16.60	48.73
22.	Orissa	30.77	18.15	39.26
23.	Pondicherry (UT)	25.00	1.00	2.90
24.	Punjab	205.64	26.84	34.16
25.	Rajasthan	21.99	23.05	23.52
26.	Tamil Nadu	35.00	40.21	37.71

Sl. No.	State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
27.	Tripura	6.30	0.75	30.98
28.	Uttar Pradesh	63.48	102.53	65.39
29.	West Bengal	107.35	258.34	163.25

Development of National Highways in NE Region

*418. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan outlay for development and maintenance of various National Highways in the NER during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) whether the amount allocated for the same has been utilised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) to (c) Details of Allocation and Expenditure on development and maintenance of various National Highways entrusted State Governments and Border Roads Organisation during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under:—

	1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (upto 7/2000)
	(Rs. in crore)		(Rs. in crore)	
State Government	175.20	120.86	161.59	5.75
B.R.O.	106.39	106.39	117.50	27.04

The shortfall in expenditure during 1999-2000 has been mainly in the States of Assam and Manipur on works executed by the State Governments. The States could not utilise the allocated funds fully for reasons like poor ways and means position, disturbed law and order situation, lack of competent contractors etc.